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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

The information contained in the present addendum reflects information received after 25 May 2000.

Argentina

In a note verbale dated 27 June 2000, the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the Malvinas were listed by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as a Non-Self-Governing Territory. This is a consequence of the illegal British occupation of Argentine territory which occurred in 1833.

The United Nations has indicated on numerous occasions that the colonial dispute between Argentina and the United Kingdom over these territories should be resolved through peaceful negotiations.

Nevertheless, since they form part of the islands of the Argentine national territory, their inhabitants, like the rest of the Argentine population, enjoy the benefits of the National Scholarship Programme offered by the Ministry of Education of the Argentine Republic.

Australia

In a note verbale dated 29 June 2000, the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations informed the United Nations Secretariat that the Australian aid programme, delivered through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), includes the Australian Development Scholarship Scheme (ADS) which provides fully funded scholarships (fees and a stipend) to selected awardees from developing countries for study in Australian institutions. Australia also provides fully funded scholarships to awardees from the small island States in the South Pacific region through the Australian Regional Development Scholarship Scheme; these scholarships are tenable only at institutions in the South Pacific region.

The following scholarships are provided for the benefit of inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories:

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New Caledonia

Nineteen students from New Caledonia are currently studying at Australian Institutions under ADS. New Caledonia students study mostly at the undergraduate, certificate and diploma level.

There will be six new ADS awards offered in 2001 to New Caledonia. This maintains the number of awards offered in previous years. Education and training assistance will be directed towards a programme of intensive, industry-based English language training to support technical training undertaken in New Caledonia by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Agricultural College in the Northern Province and the Tourism and Hospitality School.

Tokelau

One student from Tokelau is currently studying under ADS for a graduate diploma in Australia. There are five ARDS students currently enrolled at various institutions in Fiji.

The provision of education assistance to Tokelau will continue under ARDS. The emphasis will be on undergraduate and vocational training. Australia will consult with New Zealand to discuss cooperation in the provision of scholarship support for inhabitants of Tokelau.